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Over the past couple of days, Israel, the occupying Power, has been intensifying its military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. This has included in particular an escalation of overnight air raids and attacks in the Gaza Strip, which has involved the extrajudicial execution of four Palestinians by the Israeli occupying forces in grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law.

Today's air strikes in Gaza City, as well as in the southern town of Rafah and Khan Yunis, which knocked out power and caused extensive damage, come on the heels of two other extrajudicial executions in the Gaza Strip. The first illegal extrajudicial execution occurred on Saturday, 24 September 2005, in which the Israeli occupying forces fired missiles from an Israeli warplane at a civilian car, instantly killing two Palestinians and injuring innocent bystanders. This was followed by yet another extrajudicial execution, committed yesterday evening, of two more Palestinians who were also killed in their vehicle as a result of fired Israeli missiles.

Moreover, Israeli warplanes shot missiles at Al-Akram school yesterday, which is situated in the densely populated Tufah neighbourhood, causing destruction to the school and injuring at least 15 Palestinians, many of them children. In addition to such military attacks, the Israeli occupying forces have launched an extensive campaign in which they have arrested and detained more than 200 Palestinian civilians in grave violation of international law. It is important to mention that a number of those arrested are declared candidates intending to run in the local Palestinian elections. Therefore, such illegal Israeli measures are also a deliberate interference in the internal affairs of the Palestinian people, as well as a disruption of the Palestinian democratic election process.

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It seems apparent that Israel, the occupying Power, is intentionally and aggressively escalating its attacks against the Palestinian civilian population in an attempt to ignite the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Indeed, following the extrajudicial executions carried out yesterday and on Saturday there have been repeated calls for revenge against the occupying Power by many within the Palestinian population. It is unquestionable that these Israeli policies and practices will only continue to fuel the vicious cycle of violence between the two sides, undermining any peace initiative or peace efforts and thus sabotaging any potential for dialogue between the two sides and a real resumption of negotiations.

The Palestinian leadership calls upon the international community to take measures to address the current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as a result of the ongoing and blatant aggressions being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people. We continue to express our strongest hopes that the necessary measures will be taken in this regard.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 220 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 18 August 2005 (A/ES-10/305-S/2005/530), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Riyad **Mansour**
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It is my profound regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, has continued to escalate its reckless and cruel campaign of military warfare against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in grave violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law. War crimes and acts of State terrorism continue to be committed daily by the occupying Power against the civilian population under its occupation.

For the sixth day in a row, the Israeli occupying forces have continued to carry out air and artillery raids and attacks against the Gaza Strip. Using heavy military weaponry, including F-16 warplanes, the occupying forces are terrorizing the civilian population and endangering the lives of thousands of people, including women, children and the elderly. The military attacks have resulted in the extensive destruction of homes, schools, bridges, roads and properties in this already devastated area and have exacerbated the tense situation on the ground and deepened the humanitarian crises being faced by the Palestinian people. In addition, the Israeli occupying forces have also used sonic booms to cause false raids, which have negative and psychological effects on the Palestinian civilian population.

In the period of just two days since my last letter to you, the occupying forces have killed at least three more Palestinians and have injured scores of other innocent Palestinians. The Palestinians killed were extrajudicially executed, in flagrant violation of the fundamental provisions of international human rights law and humanitarian law. In addition, the occupying forces continue to carry out arrests and detentions and have detained at least 25 more Palestinian civilians throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In fact, in the past week, more than 400 Palestinians have been detained, in addition to the thousands of Palestinians that continue to be illegally detained in Israeli detention centres and jails under the most abject and inhumane conditions. It is imperative to reiterate that a number of those arrested are declared candidates intending to run in the legislative

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Palestinian elections to be held in January 2006, a blatant interference in the internal affairs of the Palestinian people and an intrusion in the Palestinian democratic election process.

This decline of an already fragile and perilous situation makes it imperative for the international community to respond quickly. There must be a firm condemnation of the killings and of the widespread destruction wrought by the Israeli occupying forces and a clear demand for an immediate end to all military attacks. Such military attacks continue to escalate despite the fact that all Palestinian political groups and organizations have agreed to respect the unilateral ceasefire and have reiterated their commitment to quietness. Therefore, the international community must take immediate action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 221 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 26 September 2005 (A/ES-10/307-S/2005/608) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that since our last letter to you, which included an attached list of martyrs, dated 18 August 2005, at least 24 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,739. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to identical letters dated 29 September 2005 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 24 August 2005 to Wednesday, 28 September 2005)

Wednesday, 24 August 2005

1. Adel Mohamed Kasem Abu Khalil
2. Anas Maarouf Ghassan Abu Zina (17 years old)
3. Majdi Abdelkarim Hossaine
4. Mahmoud Ahmed Ismail Hodaybe (16 years old)
5. Mohamad Tarek Othmane (15 years old)

Monday, 29 August 2005

1. Imad Nassouh Abu Al-Hoda
2. Mahibe Nassouh Abu-Al-Hoda (14 years old)

Friday, 2 September 2005

Khaled Khalil Hamed

Tuesday, 6 September 2005

1. Samya Khaled Farahate
2. Hoda Khaled Farahate
3. Khaled Mohamad Saad
4. Fayez Abu Tawila

Wednesday, 7 September 2005

Namre Al-Saadouni

Friday, 9 September 2005

Bashire Al-Soufi

Tuesday, 13 September 2005

Waleed Solaymane Attiyate Khomayssat

Friday, 16 September 2005

Bahaa Fawaz Diyab

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,739.

Thursday, 22 September 2005

1. Alaa Adnane Abdelaziz Hantouli
2. Fadle Khalil Younes Abu Arram (14 years old)
3. Jamile Nazih jamile Abu Saada
4. Said Taleb Al Ashkare
5. Raed Ahmad Mahmoud Ajjaj

Wednesday, 28 September 2005

1. Omar Al-Saadi
2. Nidal Khalaf
3. Samer Al-Shalabi

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit systematic human rights violations, State terrorism and even war crimes against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Since my last letter to you, dated 29 September 2005, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least six more Palestinian civilians — three of them children under the age of 18 — and wounded dozens of others.

Yesterday, 9 October 2005, Israeli occupying forces shot and killed three Palestinian youths near the borderline between Gaza and Israel. The three unarmed Palestinian civilians, Mohammed Odwan, age 20, Bassam Abu Gharaba, age 15, and Essa Al-Amour, age 17, were killed instantly from gunshot injuries to the head and neck, illustrating the continuation of Israel's deliberate and conscious shoot-to-kill policy. This latest Israeli crime comes on the heels of another killing of a Palestinian child, Uday Tantawi, age 13, which took place on Monday, 3 October 2005, near the West Bank town of Nablus.

The continuation of aggression committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people, in particular the killing of the four Palestinian youths mentioned above, should be condemned by the international community. Israel, the occupying Power, will only continue to deliberately commit its heinous crimes as long as it continues to believe it can act against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity. In this regard, we urge the international community to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to cease forthwith its flagrant violations of international law and international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 222 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 29 September 2005 (A/ES-10/308-S/2005/617), constitute a basic

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record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, dated 29 September 2005, at least six more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,745. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Riyad **Mansour**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 10 October 2005 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 3 October 2005 to Sunday, 9 October 2005)

Monday, 3 October 2005

1. Uday Tantawi (13 years old)

Tuesday, 4 October 2005

1. Haifa Hendia

Sunday, 9 October 2005

1. Mohammed Odwan
2. Bassam Abu Gharaba (15 years old)
3. Essa Al-Amour (17 years old)
4. Muataz Abu Zaarur

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,745.